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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Office Action mailed August 21, 2001.

The Office Action did not, however, include an initialed Form PTO-1449 acknowledging the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 1, 2001. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner evidence consideration of the references cited in the IDS of June 1, 2001 by providing a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449.

If a conference would beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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